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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 22, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: The heavens proclaim Your glory, O God, and the firmament reveals Your handiwork. Day pours out the word today, and night after night tells the story.

No speech, no word, no sound is needed. Yet throughout all Earth Your voice is heard to the ends of the world this message.

At the beginning of each day the sun comes forth like a bridegroom from his bridal chamber, like a champion ready to run its course.

From one end of the sky comes the rising sun to stretch its way to furthest other end; nothing escapes its heat.

So fill the Nation this day with blessings, Lord. May Your presence permeate all that is living and justice flourish among Your people, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO POLICY COMMITTEE OF WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 211 of the Older Americans Act Amendments of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 3001 Note), and the order of the House of December 8, 2003, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Policy Committee of the White House Conference on Aging:

Mr. E. CLAY SHAW, Jr., Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and

Mr. HOWARD P. (BUCK) MCKEON, Santa Clarita, California.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. tomorrow for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7200. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pesticide Tolerance Fees; Suspension of Collection [OPP-2004-0084; FRL-7349-7] received March 17, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7201. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report required pursuant to title 10, United States Code, section 12302(d), relating to those units of the Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces that remained on active duty under the provisions of section 12302 as of January 1, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7202. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the twenty-fourth annual report on the implementation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 by departments and agencies which administer programs of Federal financial assistance, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6106a(b); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7203. A letter from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, transmitting a copy of the Energy Information Administration's report entitled "Annual Energy Outlook 2004," pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 790f(a)(1); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7204. A letter from the Attorney, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Automotive Fuel Economy Manufacturing Incentives for Alternative Fueled Vehicles [Docket No. NHTSA-2001-10774; Notice 3] (RIN: 2127-AI41) received February 23, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7205. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Child restraint systems [Docket No. NHTSA-04-17230] (RIN: 2127-AJ15) received March 9, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7206. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Child Restraint Systems [Docket No.

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